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Application No.: 10/645,109  
Filed: August 21, 2003  
For: **PREFORMED BRACE FOR TREATING METACARPAL FRACTURES  
AND METHOD OF TREATING METACARPAL FRACTURES**

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Art Unit: 3743  
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**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed on October 6, 2004. Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing Of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.